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Attachments: Update: Sky Valley Education Center

FYI only.

Most recent news coverage was last year, when some of the school's parents and teachers sent the agencies a letter with a private inspector's PCBs report. The parents and teachers are also suing the school district, the Snohomish Health District, the state and Monsanto.

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Subject: Sky Valley Education Center- PCB Update and Request

Hello-

I'm writing with an update on the Sky Valley Education Center PCB issues.

In my last email dated 8/2/2019 I explained that we had received new data from the attorney representing the parents and teachers and we had many questions about that data which we were going to try to get answered by the consultant who collected the samples.

I also explained that we had not yet received an answer to the questions we sent the school in April, 2019.

Since that time, we were able to discuss the sample results with the consultant on August 8, 2019. We were able to clarify that some carpet with >1ppm PCBs is from carpet that is in use, but inaccessible. Other carpet samples with PCBs >1ppm are from scraps that were removed and retained by the teacher. The carpet in those rooms was removed and disposed by the school.

He also clarified that he only tested one cabinet heater/ventilator and it had 24ppm PCBs, but there are other cabinet heaters in the school.

After this call we sent another email to Mr. Mannix of Sky Valley Education Center.

We repeated our previous questions and additionally asked what the school plans to do to address PCBs found in inaccessible carpets and on ventilator filters.

We received partial answers, and answers that raised more questions from the school's attorney on 8/19/19.

We also received a message from an attorney representing Monsanto. Monsanto would like for the PCB waste currently stored at the school to be continually stored at an off-site location until the litigation is complete. They have indicated their plan to commercially store the PCB waste at Veritox J.S. Held, Inc., warehouse in Redmond, WA.

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the school notify EPA of any change in conditions or new information.

The approval also requires that

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Because the school has been slow to respond, and their responses are inadequate, an inspection by a credentialed inspector is warranted in order to obtain the records that we need.

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I am therefore requesting that R10 authorize funding his travel for this inspection.

Thank you,

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